

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A communications system, comprising:
 - a transmitter, comprising:
 - a light source for generating a directed light beam modulated to transmit a data signal;
 - a controllable mirror for directing the light beam toward a receiver;
 - a photodiode for receiving light reflected from substantially the same direction as the light is directed by the mirror; and
 - control circuitry, coupled to the photodiode and to the mirror, for controlling the aim of the mirror; and
 - a receiver, comprising:
 - a lens;
 - a photodiode for receiving incident light from the transmitter through the lens; and
 - a reflective ring surrounding the lens, for reflecting incident light from the transmitter back to the transmitter.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the mirror comprises:
 - a mirror element formed of a single piece of crystalline material, the mirror element having a frame, a mirror surface, and a plurality of hinges.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the reflective ring comprises a plurality of corner cube elements.

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4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the light source comprises a laser.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the transmitter further comprises:

a lens for spreading the modulated laser beam to have a spot size approximately the same size as an outer diameter of the reflective ring.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)